

Comments regarding new rules for:
The Universal Service Fund for Rural Health Care

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- We fully support increasing Internet support from 25% to 50% funding
- We believe that the definition of “Eligible Health Care Provider” locations should include data centers, administrative offices, and skilled nursing centers.
- Please consider modifying “Rural Area Definition for the Universal Service Fund” and base Rural Areas on the US Department of Agriculture B&I to include all areas outside ‘places of 50,000 or more people and their adjacent and continuous urbanized areas.’ [this definition would include 36% of the US population]
- Full Support of Infrastructure build-out to allow Health Care Facilities network access of 10-20Megibits/second minimum connection speed with 85% of the cost paid by the program with the life span of the investment based on 15 years.
- Full support for any connections with Free Clinics so that the Electronic Medical Record of a supporting Health Care Facility can be utilized.